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31. (Amended) A lubricated article comprising a substrate and a lubricant disposed on the substrate, wherein the lubricant comprises fluorinated carbon and a dopant comprising N and/or Si, and has a thickness of less than 10 nm.

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34. (Amended) A method of magnetic recording comprising:  
providing a magnetic recording head;  
providing a magnetic recording medium; and  
moving the magnetic recording medium in relation to the head to thereby record data, wherein the magnetic recording medium comprises a lubricating layer including fluorinated carbon and a thermally stabilizing dopant, and has a thickness of less than 10 nm.

35. (Amended) The method of magnetic recording of claim 34, wherein the thermally stabilizing dopant comprises N.

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Please cancel Claims 21-30 without prejudice.

Please add Claims 39-42 as follows:

39. (New) The recording medium of claim 1, wherein the lubricating layer has a thickness of from 1 to 5 nm.

40. (New) The lubricated article of claim 31, wherein the dopant comprises N.

41. (New) The lubricated article of claim 31, wherein the lubricating layer has a thickness of from 1 to 5 nm.

42. (New) The method of the claim 34, wherein the lubricating layer has a thickness of from 1 to 5 nm.

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#### REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, Claims 1-20 and 31-42 will be pending in the application. Non-elected Claims 21-30 have been cancelled without prejudice, and with the understanding that the subject matter thereof may be presented in a divisional application.